

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

**Whereas**, Child abuse is a complex and ongoing problem in our society; and,

**Whereas**, Every child is entitled to be safe, secure, loved, nurtured, and cared for; and,

**Whereas**, Community involvement is needed to help families break the cycle of abuse and improve the well-being of families; and,

**Whereas**, Child abuse is a nationwide problem, and finding solutions depends on state and community involvement; and,

**Whereas**, Acts of violence committed through child abuse and neglect can be prevented through public awareness, outreach, and intervention; and,

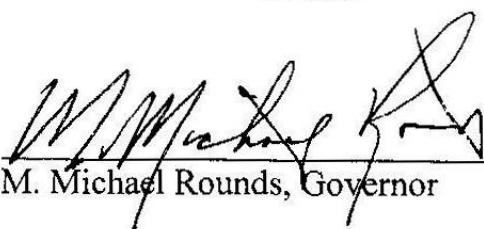
**Whereas**, The South Dakota Department of Social Services and South Dakota's Community Child Protection Teams want to remind parents, guardians, and other adults the importance of supporting programs that foster prevention of child abuse and neglect:

**Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2009 as

### ***CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH***

in South Dakota.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

  
  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State